BENTON CONSOLIDATED HIGH SCHOOL
Benton, Illinois 62812
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
May 21, 2020

The Board of Education of the Benton Consolidated High School District #103 met in Regular Session on Thursday, May 21, 2020 at 5:00 P.M. in the Benton Consolidated High School Commons. President, Mark Minor called the meeting to order.

Opening prayer was led by Mark Dyel. Kenny Irvin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: Mark Minor, President; Robin LaBuwi, Vice-President; Mitch Bennett, Secretary; Shane Cockrum, Mark Dyel, Marci Glover, and Kenny Irvin.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; Wade Thomas, Principal; and Ronda Suver, Board Recording Secretary.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

4.1 Appointment/Compensation/Discipline/Performance of Personnel
4.2 Collection Negotiation Matters
4.3 Litigation

Executive Session – Robin LaBuwi made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the Appointment, Compensation, Discipline, and Performance of Personnel, Collective Negotiation Matters, and Possible Litigation. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

The Board; Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; and Ronda Suver, Board Recording Secretary entered into an Executive Session at 5:03 P.M.

Open Session - The Board reconvened in an Open Session at 5:53 P.M. Mitch Bennett, Secretary called the roll. Answering present: Shane Cockrum – yes, Mark Dyel – yes, Marci Glover - yes, Kenny Irvin – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes, Mark Minor – yes, and Mitch Bennett – yes.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Ron Giacone, Board Attorney; Wade Thomas, Principal; and Ronda Suver, Board Recording Secretary.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Approve Minutes: Regular Board Meeting Minutes, April 16, 2020
Executive Board Meeting Minutes, April 16, 2020
Special Bond Hearing Minutes, April 16, 2020
5.2 Approve Financial Report (April 2020)
5.3 Approve Payment of Bills (April 2020)
5.4 Review/Approve 1st Reading Board Policy Updates-Press Plus Issue 103
5.5 Review/Approve Affiliation Agreement with SIU Social Work Program
5.6 Review/Approve Affiliation Agreement with EIU-Student Teaching

Kenny Irvin made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Mark Dyel – yes, Marci Glover - yes, Kenny Irvin – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes, Mark Minor – yes, Mitch Bennett – yes and Shane Cockrum – yes. Motion Carried. A copy of the Affiliation Agreements have been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REMARKS

- Mr. Johnson gave updates on Building Projects, Remote Learning, and Legislation regarding school funding.
- Mr. Thomas explained the process for the upcoming 2020 Graduation ceremony.

7. ATHLETIC DIRECTOR REPORT Ryan Miller addressed the board regarding the plan to update the East Gym lobby and gymnasium awards and pictures.

8. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

9. OLD BUSINESS

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1 Assignment of Personnel Robin LaBuwi made a motion to assign Ron Winemiller, Andy Sloan, Aaron Webb, Alyssa Williams, and Heather Young as summer 2020 driver's education teachers as needed. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Shane Cockrum made a motion to assign Kenise Head as a part time summer 2020 secretary as needed. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

10.2 Employment of Personnel Mitch Bennett made a motion to employ Amy Corn as a special education teacher for the 2020-21 school year. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Robin LaBuwi made a motion to accept the resignation from Amy Gibbs as presented. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

10.3 Review/Approve Elevator Modernization Proposal Kenny Irvin made a motion to approve the elevator modernization proposal as presented. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

10.4 Review/Approve ATG - Ram Industries, LLC Change Orders Mitch Bennett made a motion to approve the change orders from Ram Industries, LLC as presented. Marci Glover seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Shane Cockrum - yes, Mark Dyel, yes, Marci Glover - yes, Kenny Irvin - No, Robin LaBuwi - yes, Mark Minor - yes, and Mitch Bennett - yes. Motion carried.

10.5 Review/Approve Intergovernmental Agreement to Provide Police and Security Services Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement to Provide Police and Security Services with the City of Benton as presented. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried. A copy of this agreement has been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

10.6 Discuss Statue to Honor Rich Herrin

10.7 Review/Approve Collective Bargaining Agreement with BEA Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Benton Education Association as presented. Mark Dyel seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Kenny Irvin - yes, Robin LaBuwi - yes, Mark Minor - yes, Mitch Bennett - abstain, Shane Cockrum - yes, Mark Dyel, yes, and Marci Glover - yes. Motion carried.

10.8 Review/Approve Roofing Bids Robin LaBuwi made a motion to award the bid for roofing to D.E. Martin for $193,802 as presented. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

10.9 Review/Approve East Gym HVAC Bids Shane Cockrum made a motion to award the bid for HVAC in the East Gymnasium to A & W Plumbing and Heating for $88,800 as presented. Robin LaBuwi seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

10.10 Review/Approve RESOLUTION providing for the issue of not to exceed $2,000,000 General Obligation Limited School Bonds, Series 2020, of the School District, for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of said School District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the RESOLUTION as presented. Kenny Irvin seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried. A copy of this RESOLUTION has been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

10.11 Review/Approve Surplus Property as Presented Mitch Bennett made a motion to approve the surplus property as presented in Enclosure H. Marci Glover seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried. A copy of Enclosure H has been attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Mitch Bennett exited the meeting at 7:04 P.M.

10.12 Employ FMGR Law Firm of Carbondale to Represent BCHS District #103 in the Foresight Energy Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Proceedings Kenny Irvin made a motion to employ FMGR Law Firm of Carbondale to Represent BCHS District #103 in the Foresight Energy Chapter 11 Bankruptcy proceedings. Robin LaBuwi seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Shane Cockrum exited the meeting at 7:08 P.M.

11. BOARD OF EDUCATION REMARKS

- Kenny Irvin questioned who would make the decisions regarding school starting in the fall semester.
- Mark Minor expressed his appreciation for the way the Administration has handled the unprecedented ending to the school year.

11. ADJOURNMENT Kenny Irvin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 P.M. Robin LaBuwi seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

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BOARD PRESIDENT **BOARD SECRETARY**